[Translation]

Traffic Signal Light on Road Crossings in Delhi

3838. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road crossings in Delhi where traffic police have been deployed;

(b) the number of road crossings in Delhi where the facility of traffic signal light has been provided;

(c) the reasons for not providing this facility at every crossings in Delhi;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide this facility at every crossings in Delhi; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Traffic police has been deployed at 260 road crossings in Delhi.

(b) Traffic signal light has been provided at 405 inter-sections.

(c) to (e) Before taking a decision to instal a traffic signal a feasibility study is carried out keeping in view the warrants laid down by the Indian Road Congress. These relate to (i) minimum vehicular volume; (ii) interruption of continuous traffic; (iii) minimum pedestrian volume; and (iv) past accidents experience.

[English]

Solution of Ethnic Problem in Sri Lanka

3839. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the important issues concerning Indo-Sri Lanka relations;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to initiate a discussion at the official level to bring out a political solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The fallout of the on-going ethnic conflict in North-East Sri Lanka has been a matter of continuing concern to the Government of India. It has led to a refugee influx to India and a deterioration in the security environment in the area.

Discussions with the Government of Sri Lanka, both at the official and ministerial levels, have focused on the need to find a politically negotiated solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka, with the participation of all concerned, which would meet the legitimate aspirations of the Tamil community.

We have also urged the Government of Sri Lanka to take steps to create conditions for the early and voluntary return of about 210,000 Sri Lankan refugees presently on the Indian soil.

The other issues discussed related to the need to give impetus to bilateral economic, commercial and cultural relations.

Wheat and Maize Production

3840. SHRI R. K. G. RAJULU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pelased to state:

(a) the total production of "VL-616" variety of Wheat and "Parvati" variety of Maize during 1990-91; and

(b) the quantity of these Crops exported during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) The variety-wise estimates of production of wheat and maize are not compiled. However, as per the current assessment, the total production of wheat and maize during 1990-91 is likely to be 54.0 to 54.5 and 9.4 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The quantity of wheat and other coarse cereals including maize exported during the last 3 years is given in the table below:

QUANTITY EXPORTED

Year	*Wheat (Lakh Tonnes)*	*Other coarse cereals including maize ('000 tonnes)*
1988-89	0.16	8.13
1989-90	0.12	5.95
1990-91	1.34	7.32